



# TRAFFIC ALERT

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## **ROADWATCH: Week of July 3 – 9**

The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. Work schedules are always subject to change. New information is noted by "###". VDOT encourages motorists to call 511 or visit [www.511Virginia.org](http://www.511Virginia.org) for real-time traffic information. *To ease traffic congestion through the July 4, holiday weekend, the Virginia Department of Transportation will lift lane restrictions on interstates, primary routes and other major highways from noon Friday, July 2, until noon Tuesday, July 6. Work zones with permanent construction barriers will remain in place throughout the holiday weekend.*

### **INTERSTATE 81**

**\* I-81 PAVEMENT REPAIRS AND GUARDRAIL UPGRADES** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for repairs and paving on a section of southbound I-81 between mile marker 151 and 156 in Botetourt County. Work will be performed during nighttime hours between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights. Right shoulder closures may occur during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for guardrail work. Estimated completion is October 2010.

**### \* INTERSTATE 81 MOWING** – No work is scheduled this week.

### **ROANOKE**

**### \* ELM AVENUE BRIDGE WORK** – Motorists should watch for lane closures on I-581 at Elm Avenue in the City of Roanoke. Crews will be working during the overnight hours to make repairs to the Elm Avenue bridge. Work is scheduled to begin on the northbound side and progress to the southbound side in the following weeks. Work will be performed between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Beginning the week of Sunday, July 11, crews will be working during the overnight hours, Sunday through Thursday, until the work is complete in late July. Motorists should use caution and watch for signs and message boards.

### **ROANOKE COUNTY**

**### \* INTERSTATE 581 MOWING** – Crews will be mowing along northbound and southbound I-581 in Roanoke County and the City of Roanoke. Watch for shoulder closures and possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

**\* ROUTE 220 SHOULDER CLOSURE** – Work along Route 220 near the Route 679 (Buck Mountain Road) intersection will cause a shoulder closure.

**\* ROUTE 311 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, work to repair shoulders may cause shoulder and lane closures on Route 311 between Route 419 and Route 912 (Absolam Smith Road). Work may be performed on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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### \* **ROUTE 311 TURN LANE CONSTRUCTION** – Weather permitting, crews will install a left turn lane from Route 311 onto Route 785 (Blacksburg Road). Watch for signs and flaggers on Route 311 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

\* **COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is under way to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. Periodic lane closures may be in place at times in the work zone. Estimated completion is August 2010. A portion of Route 720 (Colonial Avenue) is closed to through traffic between the entrance to North Cross School and Route 1991 (Colonial Place Drive) in southwest Roanoke County. Signs are in place advising motorists of the detour.

### \* **RAILROAD CROSSING REPAIRS** – Work to repair two railroad crossings in the Bonsack area will begin on Tuesday, July 6. Flaggers will control traffic on Route 606 (Laymantown Road) and Route 636 (Glade Creek Road) between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekdays. Weather permitting, tentative completion date is Friday, July 9.

\* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Roanoke County due to mowing. Work may cause daytime shoulder and possible lane closures.

### \* **DITCHING** – Weather permitting, work on ditches may cause shoulder and lane closures on secondary roads in the Garst Mill area. Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

### \* **PAVEMENT PATCHING**– Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pavement patching on various secondary roads in southwest Roanoke County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

## **BEDFORD COUNTY**

### \* **ROUTE 460 PAVING** – No work is scheduled this week.

### \* **ROUTE 221 GUARDRAIL UPGRADES** – No work is scheduled this week.

### \* **BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch several bridges in Bedford County. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic on the Route 24 bridge over Goose Creek near the Route 807 intersection.

### \* **MOWING** – Weather permitting, crews may mow or cut brush along secondary roads throughout in Bedford County. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours in the Big Island, Huddleston, Irving, New London, areas.

### \* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Flaggers may direct traffic on these routes during daylight hours on weekdays due to pavement patching.

- Route 24
- Route 635 (Jeters Chapel Road)
- Route 644 (Fancy Farm Road)
- Route 671 (Centreville Road)
- Route 682 (Kelso Mill Road)
- Route 759 (Jeters Mill Road)

### \* **ROUTE 643 PIPE REPLACEMENT** – Flaggers will control traffic on Route 643 (Cifax Road) on weekdays from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. due to a pipe replacement. The pipe is located about 0.3 south of Route 644 (Old Cifax Road) and 1.7 miles north of Route 1223 (Kings Grant Drive). Estimated completion is July 30.

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\* **ROUTE 644 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work is under way to replace the bridge on Route 644 over Elk Creek. Work will include removing the existing one lane bridge and replacing it with a two lane bridge at a new location. Motorists should watch for temporary lane closures and flaggers at various times. Estimated completion is July 2011.

\* **ROUTE 806 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Weather permitting, the Route 806 (Rucker Road) bridge over Stony Fork is closed and is being replaced. Route 806 is closed to through traffic between its intersections with Route 801 (Stony Fork Road) and Route 793 (Watson Road). Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure.

### \* **BRUSH CUTTING** – Weather permitting, crews may cut brush along various routes in Bedford County. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 460
- Route 621 (Cotton Town Road)
- Route 649 (Jackson Road)
- Route 660 (Hawkins Mill Road)

### **BOTETOURT COUNTY**

\* **ROUTE 220 GUARDRAIL WORK** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place at various locations on northbound and southbound Route 220 between Fincastle and Iron Gate. Work will be performed during daylight hours beginning at 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. Estimated completion is in August.

\* **ROUTE 11 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is underway to patch the Route 11 bridge over the James River. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for lane closures.

\* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Botetourt County due to mowing. Work may cause daytime shoulder and possible lane closures in the Eagle Rock, Buchanan, and Troutville areas.

### \* **PIPE WORK** – Flaggers may control traffic due to work on pipes along various secondary roads in the Eagle Rock area during daylight hours on weekdays.

### **CARROLL COUNTY**

\* **INTERSTATE 77 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Work is underway to rehabilitate a pair of I-77 bridges over Little Reed Island Creek at mile marker 13.7. Between mile marker 13 and 14, two lanes of northbound and southbound I-77 traffic are shifted to travel in the right lane and on the paved right shoulder. The left lane and left shoulder of northbound and southbound I-77 are closed. The speed limit on northbound and southbound I-77 is reduced to 55 mph.

### \* **INTERSTATE 77 GUARDRAIL REPAIRS** – Work to repair guardrail on northbound I-77 at mile marker 8.8 will cause a lane closure during nighttime hours. Work is tentatively planned for Thursday, July 8.

### \* **ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION** – Drivers should be aware of the following due to the Route 58 Hillsville Bypass construction:

- Drivers on Route 58, Route 52, Route 703 (Gardner's Mill Road) and Route 780 (Howlett Street) can expect periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays.

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- The speed limit on Route 52 is reduced to 25 mph starting 0.1 mile south of Archa Street (Route 1007) in Hillsville and extending to 0.5 mile north of the Hillsville town limits in Carroll County.
- The speed limit on Route 58 starting 0.7 mile west of Gardner's Mill Road is reduced to 35 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 (Danville Pike) west of Hillsville between Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and Route 670 (Snake Creek Road) is reduced to 45 mph.
- The speed limit on Route 58 on the east end of the project is reduced to 35 mph from just west of Route 699 (Spring Hollow Road) to Route 666 (Merrimack Road). Drivers should expect possible delays.
- A new traffic pattern is in place on the eastern end of the Hillsville Bypass project. Traffic on the two-lane section of Route 58 is shifted onto a newly constructed 1,100-foot stretch of two-lane roadway.
- A new traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 starting 0.3 mile east of Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and extending to 0.1 mile east of Route 820 (Freemont Road). The westbound lane of Route 58 between the west town limits of Hillsville and Route 808 (Expansion Drive). Traffic is now traveling on the newly constructed eastbound lanes. Traffic will remain shifted until fall.
- Traffic has been shifted off of the existing two-lane section of Route 58 that starts about 0.1 mile west of Route 820 (Freemont Road) and extends to 0.3 mile west of Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road). Traffic is now using a newly constructed section of roadway. In addition, Route 669's intersection with Route 58 will be relocated just west of its current location.

### \* **REMOVE BRIDGE CLEANING** – Work is completed.

### \* **REMOVE BRIDGE PATCHING** – No work is scheduled this week.

\* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Carroll County due to mowing.

### \* **PAVEMENT PATCHING**– Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pavement patching on various secondary roads throughout Carroll County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

### **CRAIG COUNTY**

\* **PAVEMENT PATCHING**– Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pavement patching on various secondary roads throughout Craig County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

### \* **ROUTE 311 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Beginning at 9 p.m. on Friday, July 16 through 6 a.m. Monday, July 19, a portion of Route 311 in Craig County will be closed to through traffic. The road will be closed in this area while crews replace the Route 311 bridge over a branch of John's Creek. The bridge is located approximately one and a half miles north of Route 42 in New Castle. A detour will be in place. A detour will be established as listed below. Motorists should be advised that the detour is approximately 13 miles long and will add approximately 20 minutes to their travel time.

### **FLOYD COUNTY**

### \* **REMOVE BRIDGE CLEANING** – Work is completed.

\* **ROUTE 787 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is underway to patch the Route 787 over Big Indian Creek. The bridge is located near the Route 740 intersection. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic.

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### \* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on Route 799 (Connor Grove Road).

### \* **BRUSH CUTTING** – Weather permitting, crews may cut brush along various routes in Floyd County. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 648 (Graysville Road)
- Route 661 (Smarts View Road)
- Route 651 (Stagecoach Run Road)

### \* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE**– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 614 (Lovell Road)
- Route 637 (New Haven Road)
- Route 644 (County Line Road)
- Route 645 (Twin Falls Road)
- Route 655 (Macks Road)
- Route 655 (Higgs Road)
- Route 659 (Lick Ridge Road)
- Route 684 (Dobbins Farm Road)
- Route 703 (Autumn Drive)
- Route 714 (Springdale Road)
- Route 724 (Old Furnace Road)

### \* **PIPE WORK** – Flaggers may control traffic due to work on pipes along Route 601 (Riverhill Road) and Route 738 (Easter Creek Road). Expect possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

## **FRANKLIN COUNTY**

\* **ROUTE 122 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is underway to patch several bridges in Franklin County. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Friday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers on the Route 122 bridge near Route 1231.

### \* **ROUTE 927 DETOUR** – Beginning Monday, July 12, Route 927 (Iron Bridge Road) will be closed to traffic, so crews can take rock and soil borings needed to develop future plans to replace the bridge over the Norfolk and Southern railroad tracks. The section of Route 927 extends between its intersections with Route 40 (Franklin Street) and Route 864 (Old Ferrum Road). Weather permitting, traffic on this section of Route 927 will be impacted for two weeks. For the first week, starting Monday, July 12, the road will remain closed, and traffic will be detoured around the closure until Friday, July 16. Detours will be in place. The second week, starting Monday, July 19, drivers can expect Route 927 to be closed on weekdays each day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. These dates are tentative and could be adjusted depending on weather and work schedule. Message boards will be installed on Route 40 to alert motorists to the upcoming closure on Route 927.

### \* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively planned the following routes:

- Route 646 (Truevine Road)
- Route 655 (Webster Road)
- Route 671 (Golden View Road)
- Route 703 (Ayers Road)
- Route 718 (Colonial Turnpike)

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### \* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Franklin County due to mowing. Work may cause daytime shoulder and possible lane closures in Burnt Chimney and Callaway areas.

### \* **SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, work on shoulders may cause shoulder and lane closures on these following routes during daytime hours on weekdays:

- Route 116 (Jubal Early Highway)
- Route 602 (Ferrum Mountain Road)
- Route 605 (Henry Road)
- Route 668 (Gilford Road)
- Route 934 (Peach Road).

### **GILES COUNTY**

\* **ROUTE 460 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, traffic on eastbound Route 460 near the West Virginia state line is reduced to one lane due to work to repair the bridge over the New River.

### \* **ROUTE 460 SHOULDER WORK** – Work along Route 460 on shoulders will cause shoulder closures and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs.

### \* **ROUTE 460 LINE PAINTING** – Crews will paint lines on Route 460 in Giles County. Mobile lane closures may be in place during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for slow moving traffic.

\* **ROUTE 100 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Crews will be performing deck patching on the bridge over Walker Creek on Route 100 near its intersection with Route 697. Crews will be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers.

### \* **ROUTE 42 SHOULDER WORK** – Work along Route 42 on shoulders will cause shoulder closures and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs and flaggers.

\* **ROUTE 635 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Crews have begun repairs on the bridge over Stoney Creek. The bridge is located about 0.5 mile north of the Kimbleton Lime Plant. Crews will be working Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Traffic will be reduced to one lane across the bridge and controlled by signals. Estimated completion is July 2010.

### \* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively planned on Walkers Creek Valley Road and Route 663 (Sugar Run Road).

### \* **BRUSH CUTTING** – Weather permitting, crews may cut brush along various routes in Giles County. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays.

### **HENRY COUNTY**

### \* **ROUTE 174 TURN LANE INSTALLATION** – Pavement marking on the newly installed turn lanes on Route 174 may cause some short-term lane closures during daylight hours.

### \* **REMOVE BRIDGE PATCHING** – No work is scheduled this week.

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**\* ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609. To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, the traffic pattern on the detour route at the intersection of Route 609 (South Daniels Creek Road) and Route 682 has been changed. Traffic on Route 609 is no longer required to stop at its intersection with Route 682. Instead, new stop signs have been installed requiring Route 682 traffic to stop at this intersection. This week, flagging operations will be utilized on Route 57 adjacent to the old bridge on either side of the railroad tracks. Estimated completion is November 2010.

**\* ROUTE 666 BRIDGE WORK** -- A section of Route 666 (Trenthill Drive) in Henry County is closed to through traffic, so the bridge over the Smith River can be repaired. Trenthill Drive will be closed between its intersections with Route 722 (Lucky Hill Road) and Route 740 (Rosemont Road). Detour signs are in place directing traffic to use Route 674 around the closure. Work is anticipated to be completed, and the road reopened to traffic by Friday, Aug. 6.

**\* PAVEMENT PATCHING**– Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Henry County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

**### \* SURFACE TREATMENT** – Crews will be applying surface treatment along various roads throughout Henry County. Drivers should watch for workers along the road. Flaggers may control traffic at times. Watch for signs and use caution.

## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**### \* BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch several bridges in Montgomery County. Crews may be working Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. or Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic on these structures:

- Route 636 bridge over I-81 located about 0.2 mile from Route 820
- The ramp connecting to Christiansburg Bypass located near the railroad crossing on Route 460 Business
- The ramp connecting the Christiansburg Bypass from Main Street to Transportation Drive
- Route 11 bridge over the South Fork of the Roanoke River near the Route 633 intersection

**### \* BRIDGE CLEANING** – Work has begun to clean various bridges in Montgomery County. Crews will be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Traffic will be reduced to one lane at times, and flaggers will control traffic on the following structures:

- Route 605 bridge over the Little River located 0.5 mile from I-81
- Route 637 bridge over the South Fork of Roanoke River located 1.1 mile from Route 790
- Route 637 bridge over Bottom Creek located near Route 607
- Route 637 bridge over Goose Creek located near Route 653
- Route 638 bridge over the South Fork of Roanoke River located 5.5 mile from Route 639
- Route 652 bridge over Tom's Creek located one mile from Route 696
- Route 685 bridge over Stroubles Creek located one mile from Route 114
- Route 813 bridge over the Roanoke River at Kumis located near Route 11
- Route 821 bridge over the North Fork of Roanoke River located 0.3 mile from Route 603
- Route 1252 bridge over the North Fork of Roanoke River

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### \* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 603 (Den Hill Road)
- Route 603 (North Fork Road)
- Route 620 (Blue Springs Road)
- Route 657 (Merrimac Road)
- Route 1237 (Cherry Lane)

\* **ROUTE 685 DITCHING** – Weather permitting, work on ditches may cause shoulder and lane closures on Route 685 (Prices Fork Road). Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

### \* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE**– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 606 (Sidney Church Road)
- Route 609 (Willis Hollow Road)
- Route 660 (Crab Creek Road)
- Route 724 (Gate Road)
- Route 747 (Pepper Run Road)
- Route 749 (McPherson Road)

## **PATRICK COUNTY**

\* **ROUTE 8 CONNECTOR / RYE COVE STREET CLOSURE** – As part of the Route 8 connector construction, a section of Rye Cove Street will be reconfigured and will no longer be a through road. Rye Cove Street (T-1006) between Buena Vista Avenue and Rucker Street in Stuart is permanently closed to through traffic. *Beginning Wednesday, July 7, Route Buena Vista Avenue will be closed to through traffic between Route 58 Business (Blue Ridge Street) and Route T-1006 (Rye Cove Street). This closure is necessary for construction of the tie in of Route T-1011 (Buena Vista Avenue) to the new Route 8 connector. Detour signs will be in place to direct the travelling public. Weather permitting, the road will be re-opened to traffic on Wednesday, July 21.*

### \* **ROUTE 58 LINE PAINTING** – Crews will paint lines on Route 58 in Patrick County. Mobile lane closures may be in place during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for slow moving traffic.

### \* **REMOVE BRIDGE CLEANING** – Work is completed.

### \* **REMOVE BRIDGE PATCHING** – No work is scheduled this week.

\* **PAVEMENT PATCHING**– Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Patrick County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

\* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Patrick County due to mowing.

### \* **REMOVE SURFACE TREATMENT** – Work is completed.

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**PULASKI COUNTY**

**### \* SPECIAL EVENT TRAFFIC** – On Saturday, July 3, motorists driving on Route 11 in Pulaski County between Route 114 and the Motor Mile Speedway should expect heavy traffic. Monster truck show fans will be traveling to the speedway, so congestion and slow moving traffic are anticipated. Message boards will be in place on Route 11 to alert motorists to possible delays and to advise drivers to use the right lane of southbound Route 11 to turn into the speedway.

**### \* REMOVE ROUTE 640 BRIDGE PATCHING** –No work is scheduled this week.

**### \* ROUTE 663 PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on Route 663 (Owens Road). Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays.

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